

# HALLENBECK MURDER TRIAL BEGINS TODAY

Van Wormer Brothers and Bruce to Be Arraigned.

## PROMISES TO BE INTERESTING

Defence Will Probably Try to Prove an Alibi for the Young Men—Crime Said to Have Been Committed in Revenge for Pressure Exerted Upon Them.

HUDSON, N. Y., March 31.—At the term of the Supreme Court which convenes here today, Justice Chester, of Albany, presiding, occurs the trial of Burton, Willis, and Fred Van Wormer, brothers, and their cousin Harvey Bruce, for the murder of Peter A. Hallenbeck at Greenport, an uncle of the Van Wormer boys, on last Christmas eve.

Hallenbeck, who was a well-to-do farmer, was called to his door while the inmates of the house, except his invalid wife and aged mother, were at a church entertainment not far distant. As the farmer opened the door, masked men fired at him and he fell fatally wounded.

Mrs. Hallenbeck rushed out of the house and told the story of the crime to those at the church.

Evidence was quickly seized which pointed to the three nephews as the murderers. They were arrested at Kinderhook, with Harvey Bruce, a cousin. All four were later indicted for murder to the first degree.

Thirteen bullets were found, eight in the old man's body and five in the room, all of which fitted either the .25-calibre or the .32-calibre revolvers found in possession of the young men.

A family feud had existed between the Hallenbecks and Van Wormers for years. Peter Hallenbeck had prospered but John Van Wormer, his brother-in-law, eked out a precarious living as a river boatman.

Before his death, however, Van Wormer managed to buy a cottage across the road from the handsome home of his brother-in-law. It was mortgaged, however, to Hallenbeck.

Although the latter frequently aided the Van Wormers he finally, after John Van Wormer's death, gradually withdrew all assistance, and pressed the family for the interest and principal. The mortgage was finally foreclosed in September last, and the Van Wormers were turned out.

They removed to Kinderhook, sixteen miles away. This increased the hatred of the brothers for the uncle, and this was the alleged motive for the crime. On the night of the murder four masked men were seen to drive away from the vicinity in a carriage.

It is expected that the defence will try to prove an alibi and the trial promises to be one of great interest.

## EVENING WITH THE CHOIR.

Interesting Musical Programme at Epworth M. E. Church.

The choir of Epworth M. E. Church, corner Seventh and A streets northeast, rendered a programme of special Easter music last night, in place of the regular evening service, and the artistic manner in which they sang the many difficult pieces was very much appreciated by the large congregation present.

An organ prelude preceded the invocation by the pastor, Rev. William S. Hammond, after which the following selections were rendered:

"Christ Hath Won the Victory," anthem (Herbert); "From Gloom to Glory," soprano solo (Geibel), Miss Ethel Chaney; "Christ Is Risen," Easter carol (Wilkinson), quartette; "They Have Taken Away My Lord," anthem (Harrington), hymn No. 131; address on "Days of Eastertide," by the pastor; "The Strife Is Over," anthem (Neillinger); "Christ Is Risen Today," contralto solo (Hiscoff), Miss Julia Hill; "Christ Our Passover," anthem (Schilling); "Fear Not Ye, O Israel," baritone solo (Buck), Van A. Potter; "Christ's Ascension," anthem (Otis), quartette; "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," anthem (Shelley). An organ postlude by Miss Alice Yingling followed the benediction.

The choir is composed as follows: Van A. Potter, leader; Miss Alice Yingling, organist; sopranos, Miss Ethel Chaney, Miss Nissay Moore, Miss Vola Chaney, tenors, Mr. J. E. Stair, Mr. S. W. Goodson, Mr. T. L. Bassford; alto, Miss Julia Hill, Miss Mae Warren, Master Charles Potter; basses, Mr. Van A. Potter, Mr. Walker Trumble, Mr. W. J. Brower, Mr. N. W. Gallaher.

## Runaway on Good Hope Hill.

A horse attached to a buggy and driven by Miss Mary Seebolt and Miss Reckeweg, of 330 O Street northwest, ran away on Good Hope Hill yesterday afternoon. The carriage was upset and the occupants thrown out, but escaped injury.

## NAME NOT IN DIRECTORY.

R. W. Clapp, Taken Ill in New York, Said He Lived Here.

NEW YORK, March 31.—An elderly, well-dressed man who said he was R. W. Clapp, of Washington, D. C., walked into the Elizabeth Street police station yesterday afternoon and told Sergeant Murtha that he was feeling very ill and would like to be taken to a hospital. He was sent to Bellevue.

The name of R. W. Clapp, mentioned in the above dispatch, is not given in the city directory.

## MR. SHAW HAS NEW PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mr. Rich Resigns and Is Succeeded by Mr. Armstrong.

The latter a Newspaper Man and Well Versed in Affairs of the Treasury Department.

Mr. C. V. Rich, private secretary to Secretary Shaw, today resigned his position, the resignation to take effect April 30.

Mr. Robert B. Armstrong, of Chicago, has been appointed to the vacancy and he has accepted the position. Mr. Armstrong is the Chicago correspondent of the "New York Herald" and is well acquainted with matters pertaining to finance and the Treasury Department.

He is thirty-eight years of age and was for a time the New York correspondent of the "Chicago Record-Herald."

## The Death Record.

The following deaths for forty-eight hours were reported at the Health Department up to noon today:

Lucy Hill Hale, 89 years.  
Sandy Alexander, 84 years.  
John A. Bokel, 82 years.  
Miss Mary Toumer, 80 years.  
Lina Cohen, 72 years.  
Mary A. Wheeler, 70 years.  
Humphrey Starr, 66 years.  
Burrell Nixon, 60 years.  
Elizabeth Tharp, 58 years.  
Charles Richardson, 56 years.  
Samuel W. Hough, 54 years.  
James Honesty, 47 years.  
Charlotte Johnson, 42 years.  
Louis Rosenfeld, 37 years.  
George Hall, 34 years.  
Annie M. Boyce, 33 years.  
Fannie E. Crump, 26 years.  
Stella B. Harris, 9 years.  
Mary Hines, 5 years.  
Edward D. Bowling, 5 years.  
Elizabeth Henderson, 4 years.  
Robert Cain, 1 year.  
Lorena Tiltman, 9 months.  
James Harr, 6 months.  
Heien Sabin, 2 months.  
William Le Roy Weiss, 1 month.  
John Spake, 1 day.

# ARMY FEUD LIKELY TO RIVAL NAVY CASE

Displacing the Schley-Sampson-Crowninshield controversy in the navy, the Miles-Root-Corbin feud in the army promises to hold the center of the stage in Washington for some time to come. Each side has its partisans just as in the navy quarrel, and it is like it too, in that the executive office of the department is arrayed against the officer in active service. In other words it is in a certain sense, a fight of bureau chiefs, desk men, against a man whose record depends entirely upon his achievements in the field.

Two interlocking views are held here upon the controversy. One is that the general commanding the army has political aspirations, to which General Miles has replied that he is not a candidate for the Presidency or any other political job as stated by him in the Washburn letter of last January.

On the other hand, attention is called to the fact that General Miles has been systematically ignored by both the Secretary of War and by the Adjutant General's office. His advice is neither sought, nor, when proffered, regarded in the slightest degree, while every project coming from his headquarters, is pilloried. There is little immediate prospect of a court of enquiry being asked for General Miles, less chance of his arbitrary retirement by the President and none at all of his voluntary retirement.

## PREPARATIONS FOR ENCAMPMENT CROWDS

Headquarters of the Public Comfort Committee Open.

## WORK OF ASSIGNING VISITORS

Chairman Weller Takes Up Negotiations With the Hotel Keepers and Boarding House Proprietors as to Rates and Accommodations.

Mr. M. I. Weller, the chairman of the committee on public comfort, this morning established the headquarters of that committee in the Jenifer Building, Seventh and D Streets northwest, occupying rooms 308 and 309. The work of communicating with the proprietors of hotels and boarding houses will be commenced immediately, and it is hoped that within a few weeks a complete directory of all such places, with a schedule of their prices, will be compiled. This list will be kept up to date at all times, and will show just what accommodations are available. Applications for quarters from a number of organizations are already in the hands of the committee, and these will receive immediate attention. This morning's mail brought an application from William E. Clark, of Springfield, Mass., for accommodations for 150 uniformed members of the E. K. Wilcox Post, No. 16, Department of Massachusetts. This application was referred to

General Miles' position in the War Department similar to that of Admiral Schley in other branch of the service—Demoralizing condition of affairs reported in consequence of hostility between bureau heads and the General Commanding.

even after they are in effect he oftentimes learns of their existence only through the columns of the daily papers. So strong is this prejudice against him, say his friends, that any suggestion from him, no matter how much worth it might contain, would be turned down without discussion. Meanwhile, it is more than probable that this running fight between the head of the army and the head of the department will continue until General Miles retires under the age limit, a year from next August, and the result promises as much demoralization to this branch of the service as did the Santiago feud among those whose business is to fight at sea. There is little immediate prospect of a court of enquiry being asked for General Miles, less chance of his arbitrary retirement by the President and none at all of his voluntary retirement.

Mr. Weller, of the public comfort committee.

A communication was received this morning from the band of the Fourth Artillery Corps, stationed at Fort Monroe, Va., and generally known as the Artillery School Band, giving the rates they would charge for service at the encampment. The band numbers thirty pieces, and is a most excellent one. Their communication has been listed for the reference of the committee, as have all similar communications.

Chairman S. E. Faunce has called a meeting of the committee on camp fires for tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the red parlor of the Ebbitt House. A meeting of the committee on decorations will be called for Thursday night at 8 o'clock at a place yet to be determined upon. Late this afternoon an application was received from the Grand Army Club of Boston, Mass., through Messrs. John H. Putnam and George H. Lank, for accommodations for 100 members of that organization.

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# G. A. R. TO FIGHT MR. EVANS PERSONALLY

Veterans Unappeased by His Coming Retirement.

## AIM TO INFLUENCE SENATE

Report of a Demand to Be Made on Mr. Burton of Kansas to Oppose Confirmation of the Tennesseean When President Gives Him Promised Promotion.

The Grand Army of the Republic, according to stories current today, is not going to be content with securing a new Commissioner of Pensions, for which they have been striving for nearly five years past, and in which effort they have not been successful. It is declared that the members of the organization propose to carry on their opposition to Commissioner Evans in a personal way, to the extent of fighting in the Senate his elevation to the "better place" promised him by the President.

The veterans are also dissatisfied with the announcement that the same policy will be pursued in the Pension Bureau as heretofore. If this is done, they argue, the retirement of Evans will be of little benefit to them.

A despatch was received from Topeka, Kan., this morning, saying that a delegation of Grand Army of the Republic members had called upon Senator Burton to demand that he use his influence to defeat the confirmation of Mr. Evans, in the event of his being named for any other place by the President.

Senator Burton said that as soon as he reached Washington he would take up the matter of the bureau's future policy with the President, and would also consider the proposition to defeat Mr. Evans' nomination, should it be made.

EASTER MONDAY. Place, Benning Race Course. Time, 2 p. m. Seven races—two of them Steeplechase, and one of those for the horses of the Chase Hunt (seven entries), with gentlemen riders.



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